

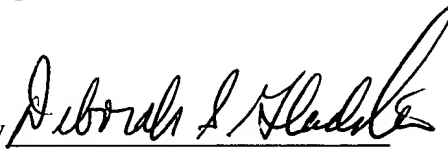
**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the text of withdrawn claims 1-8 has been presented. The status identifiers of claims 13 and 15-18 have been corrected.

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